

FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES

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SIZE OF FAMILY UNIT	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
1	\$14,850	\$1,237	\$286
2	\$20,025	\$1,669	\$385
3	\$25,200	\$2,100	\$485
4	\$30,375	\$2,531	\$584
5	\$35,550	\$2,962	\$684
6	\$40,725	\$3,394	\$783
Each Additional	\$ 5,200	\$ 433	\$100

Indigent Parties

(Does **not** include Inmates)

Filing (pursuant to *T.C.A. §20-12-127*)

- For a litigant to qualify as a pauper/indigent person, s/he **must** meet the following criteria:
 - 1) Be a resident of Tennessee.
 - 2) Complete a *Pauper's Oath* form and sign *Affidavit* on the form.
 - 3) Qualify pursuant to the above *Legal Aid Society Poverty Guidelines*.
- Upon the party qualifying, the filing fee (including lit tax) is suspended until the conclusion of the case. If an indigent person is taxed with court cost at the conclusion of the case, s/he **must** pay the court costs.
- Pursuant to §8-21-401(m), all parties have an opportunity to qualify as a pauper to suspend the payment of the filing fee and lit tax.

Form (pursuant to *Supreme Court Rule 29*)

A uniformed *Civil Affidavit of Indigency* should be used by each Court. The form is provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts and is also listed in *Supreme Court Rule 29*.

Guidelines (pursuant to *Supreme Court Rule 29*)

Persons should meet the Legal Services Corporation's poverty guidelines that are published yearly in the code of Federal Regulations.

- These guidelines are sent to our office by the *Legal Aid Society* in the spring of each year.

Copying Costs (pursuant to §8-21-401(i) (C) (4))

- The copy fee shall be **Fifty cents (\$.50) per copy**.
- Ricky's policy for:
 - Indigent Parties: There will be a **maximum charge** of **\$10.00** for any indigent person who requests **more than 20 pages** to be copied.
 - Pro Bono Attorneys: There will be **no charge** to any attorney representing an indigent person through the *Pro Bono Program*.
 - Appointed Attorneys: Our office will charge the normal fee of **Fifty cents (\$.50) per page** and the attorney **must** submit an *Attorney Fee Claim* to the State for reimbursement of the costs.